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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16, page 21 through line 6, page 22) with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a load seal ring 2, a cutout portion 46 is formed on the side of the first seal ring 1 of an outer peripheral surface 26, and a cutout portion 47 is formed on the side of the second seal ring 1 of an inner peripheral surface 30, the length of the inner peripheral surface 30 being less than that of the outer peripheral surface 26. In addition, when the load seal ring 2 is provided, the outer peripheral surface 26 engages with an inner peripheral surface of the first portion 44 of the second support ring 3, an outer end surface 48 (a surface corresponding to the second seal ring 1) thereof engages with an inner surface of the second portion 43 of the second seal ring 1, the inner peripheral surface 30 thereof engages with an outer peripheral surface of the first portion 40 of the first support ring 3, and an outer end surface 49 (a surface corresponding to the first seal ring 1) thereof engages with an inner surface of the first seal ring 1.